

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

MOHAMMAD MALEK BALOUCHZEHI,
a/k/a "Malek Khan,"

Defendant.
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**STIPULATED
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

21 Cr. 658 (JMF)

JESSE M. FURMAN, District Judge:

WHEREAS, MOHAMMAD MALEK BALOUCHZEHI, the defendant, has sought discovery from the Government pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, including certain audio and video recordings, photographs, and electronic communications recorded by and/or involving one or more undercover law enforcement officers or confidential sources;

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes its obligation to provide such discovery materials to the defendant, consistent with safety considerations and the confidentiality and integrity of ongoing investigations;

WHEREAS, the discovery materials that the Government intends to provide to the defendant contain certain materials that, if disseminated to third parties, could, among other things, impede ongoing investigations or disclose confidential or personal identifying information of witnesses;

WHEREAS, in the interest of expediting the discovery process, the defendant, by his attorney, David Stern, Esq., consents to the entry of this Order;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(d) and subject to the additional limitations set forth below, the discovery materials provided by the Government to defense counsel shall not be further disseminated by the defendant or his counsel to any individuals, organizations or other entities, other than members of the defense team (limited to: counsel of record; paralegals, investigators, translators, litigation support personnel, or secretarial staff assisting counsel of record; and the defendant);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the discovery materials or their contents may not be provided to any foreign persons or entities (except if such persons or entities are members of the defense team) and may not be transmitted outside of the United States for any purpose;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each of the individuals to whom disclosure of the discovery materials is made shall be provided a copy of this Protective Order by defense counsel and will be advised by defense counsel that he or she shall not further disseminate or discuss the materials and must follow the terms of this Protective Order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defense counsel may seek authorization of the Court, with notice to the Government, to provide certain specified discovery materials to persons whose access to discovery materials is otherwise prohibited by the preceding paragraphs, if it is determined by the Court that such access is necessary for the purpose of preparing the defense of the case;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all discovery materials are to be provided to the defendant, and used by the defense team, solely for the purpose of allowing the defendant to prepare his defense to the charges in the indictment, and that none of the discovery materials produced by the Government to the defendant shall be disseminated to any other third party in a manner that is inconsistent with the preceding paragraphs;

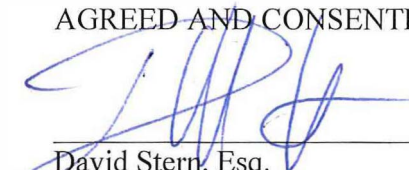
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, at the conclusion of this case, defense counsel shall return to the Government all copies of the discovery materials provided in this case;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order prohibits the media from requesting copies of any items that are received by the Court as public exhibits at a hearing, trial, or other proceeding; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order shall preclude the Government from seeking a further protective order pursuant to Rule 16(d) as to particular items of discovery material.

The Court retains discretion whether to afford protected treatment to any protected document or information contained in any protected document submitted to the Court in connection with any motion, application, or proceeding that may result in an order and/or decision by the Court.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:



David Stern, Esq.
Attorney for the defendant

11/15/21

Date

SO ORDERED:



HON. JESSE M. FURMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

November 16, 2021

Date